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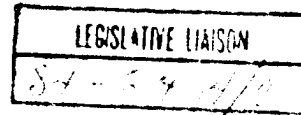
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Honorable William V. Casey
Director
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23 July 1984

Dear Mr. Casey:

I have your letter of July 19, 1984, responding to my July 3 request.

The nomination of CIA General Counsel Stanley Sporkin to the federal judiciary is in my judgement a unique situation in that I cannot recall another case where someone intimately involved in the inner workings of the Agency has been nominated to a similar position.

As you know, it is in part my responsibility as a U.S. Senator and a member of the Committee on the Judiciary to analyze carefully all aspects of Mr. Sporkin's background and qualifications with respect to the position for which he has been nominated.

In attempting to fulfill this responsibility, I have asked my Chief Counsel to make an investigation of Mr. Sporkin's background, qualifications and suitability and to advise me of his findings. It was in this context that I requested the Agency to provide inter alia access to the security file and the original polygraph material. This request was not simply predicated on idle curiosity but rather on allegations which, if true, could adversely affect the outcome of this confirmation process.

I regret therefore that your general longstanding policy precludes your complying with my request. In view of your policy, it is alternatively requested that rather than providing the above material you would, through your Director of Security, provide Mr. Lisker, my Chief Counsel, a full briefing on Mr. Sporkin's security file especially with respect to all interviews conducted with the aid of the polygraph.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Denton
United States Senator